

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SF RH EMIN ESTC

SUBJ: RHODESIAN FERROCHROME

REF: PRETORIA 3127

1. AN OFFICER OF A MARKETING SUBSIDIARY OF ENGELHARD MINERALS TOLD US THAT RHODESIAN FERROCHROME PRODUCERS ARE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT AND STRINGENT US ENFORCEMENT. HE SAID ALL COUNTRIES WERE ACTING WITH EXTREME CARE TO AVOID "CONTAMINATING- THEIR EXPORTS TO US WITH FERROCHROME WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS RHODESIAN. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS ABSORBING RHODESIAN FERROCHROME IN ITS INDUSTRY AND EXPORTING DOMESTIC FERROCHROME ON AN OFFSET BASIS, HE SAID SOUTH AFRICANS HAD SAME CONCERN OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN NOT PERMITTING THEIR STEEL EXPORTS TO BEAR TRACES OF RHODESIAN FERROCHROME. HE SAID THAT

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WEAKNESS OF WORLD CHROME MARKET WAS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN REDUCING INCENTIVE TO CHEAT. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBILITY OF BLENDING SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN ORES TO CONCEAL ORIGIN, HE SAID THAT UNDER CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS THERE WAS NO ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE IN THIS.

2. COMMENT: WHILE PROBABLY NOT COMING FROM A DISINTERESTED PARTY, THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ABOVE MAY BE OF INTEREST IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRETORIA'S 3127 WHICH DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY THAT RHODESIAN FERROCHROME WAS BEING EXPORTED AS SOUTH AFRICAN.  
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